SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Maharashtra): Whenever there is a statement by a Minister correcting answer to a question, the Member who had put that question can ask a supplementary.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I do not want to set a new precedent. It is a new precedent. I know the job better than anybody else. That is why I am sitting here. I am doing it every day. So I know what is right. But I am allowing him.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: If a Member has asked a question and if there is a statement by the Minister correcting answer to his question, he has got a right to ask a supplementary question.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Right. For your information it is an Unstarred Question. It is not a Starred Question. Yes, please.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): If it is a statement by the Minister, he can ask clarifications.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we have to be careful about every statement in the House... (*Interruptions*) Let him correct it. Order.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Madam, what happened was two figures got transposed. The April-December, 1990 figure and the April-December, 1991 figure got transposed in the typing. I have just transposed it again. April-December, 1990 is $17,962 million and April-December, 1991 is $14,272 million leading to an import compression of 20.5 per cent. So the typographical error is being corrected. Now, hon. Member, Mr. Yashwant Sinha's question is: "Why are you giving provisional figure for April-December, 1991?" He understands it. "Why are you giving me provisional figures for April-December, 1990?" The answer is very simple. The provisional figures of this year have to be compared only with the provisional figures of last year, if I am to show either the growth rate or the decline in rate. I cannot compare provisional figures of this year with the revised figures of last year. That is one answer.

The second answer is the revised final figures of April-December, 1990 are not yet available. They become available after late returns come in. And late returns take as much as three to six months to come in. Therefore, what I have done is to correct the error. Statistically, provisional figures are compared with provisional figures. When I get the revised figures of April-December 1990, I will compare them with the revised figures. (*Interruptions*).

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1990-9,) of the Export credjt Guarantee Corporation of India Limited, Bombay and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations, New Delhi and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Council for Leather Exports, Madras and related papers.

IV. Memodrandum of Understanding (1991-92) between the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited and Govt. of India (Ministry of Commerce).

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Thirty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the Export Credit Gaurantee Corporation of India Limited, Bombay, for the year 1990-91, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the

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comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Corporation [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1368/92)

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations, New Delhi, for the year 1990-91, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Federation. [Placed in library. *See* No. LT-1309/92]

III. (a) Seventh Annual Report and Accounts of the Council for Leather Exports, Madras, for the year 1990-91, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Council.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in layng the papers mentioned as (a) above. [Pdaced in Library. *See* No. LT-1440/92]

IV. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited and the Government of India (Ministry of Commerce), for the year 1991-92. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1440/42]

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, I have an objection to Item No. 2 being laid on the Table. (*Interruptions*).

उपसभापति : सलमान खुर्शीद साहब के आयटम पर ?

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : श्री पोटदुखे साहब के आयटम पर ।

उपसभापति : यह नंबर टू है ।

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : नंबर टू में सब-क्लाज 3 ।

उपसभापति : आपको क्या आपत्ति है ?

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: This is regarding the Ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Kamraz Rural Bank, Sopore (Jammu and Kashmir), for the year 1989-90. Now, for a paper which is being laid for the year 1990-91, there is a statement giving reasons for the delay. And this is for the year 1989-90. There is no statement giving the reasons for the delay. Therefore, kindly ask the Minister not to lay this paper on the Table of the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will ask the hon. Minister to find out and let the House know why the delay was there.

I. Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Bombay and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Delhi Financial Corporation and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1989-90) of the Kamraz Rural Bank, Sopore (Jammu and Kashmir) and related papers... ...

IV. Summary Recommendations contained in the Interim Report of the Committee of Experts to examine the structure of direct and indirect taxes.

V. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue).

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (5) of section 48 of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act, 1981:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Bombay, for the year 1990-91, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Bank.